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	Filing Date	herewith
	Art Unit	
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FUNNEL BLOCKING APPARATUS AND METHODS OF USE
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(Title of Invention)

the specification of which

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: Burton L. Hart and )  
Kurt Powell )  
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Serial No.: not assigned ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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Filed: Herewith )  
) Examiner: Unknown  
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Title: FUNNEL BLOCKING )  
APPARATUS AND METHODS OF USE )

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the owner by assignment of the entire right, title and interest to the invention for "FUNNEL BLOCKING APPARATUS AND METHODS OF USE" to Burton L. Hart and Kurt Powell, and in and to the application for patent and any Letters Patent, whether domestic or foreign, that may issue thereon, by virtue of the assignment (check as applicable)

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For good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

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FUNNEL BLOCKING APPARATUS AND METHODS OF USE

hereinafter (the "Application(s)")

Barnes & Thornburg LLP, P.O. Box 2786, Chicago, Illinois 60690-2786 is authorized to insert in parentheses (Application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this assignment this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2005.

Burton L. Hart  
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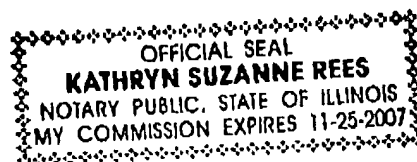
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this assignment this 29TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2005.

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